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TAGS OCLR TPHY FP

SUB: PAPEETE CALL R/V MELVILLE

REF: STATE 46287

1. SCRIPPS INSTITUTION OF OCEANOGRAPHY (SIO) REPORTS  
R/V MELVILLE TO ARRIVE PAPEETE APRIL 8. FRENCH CONTACTS  
HAVE RELAYED ASSURANCES VESSEL WILL BE ABLE TO OBTAIN  
67,000 OR 70,000 GALLONS NO. 2 MARINE DIESEL AS ASKED  
REFTEL. SOME CONFUSION ON ACTUAL AMOUNT AS FIGURE TO BE  
SUPPLIED WAS IN METRIC TONS AND SIO UNSURE PRECISE  
CONVERSION RATIO.

2. PROBLEMS WITH FUEL AVAILABILITY IN EARLIER NEW ZEALAND  
CALLS, PLUS PROSPECT OF SIMILAR SITUATION COUPLED WITH  
EXHORBITANT PRICING AT CALLAO PERU, HAS CAUSED SIO TO  
CURTAIL SOME PLANNED WORK AND MODIFY OTHER PORTIONS OF  
PROGRAM. PLANS NOW CALL FOR VESSEL TO DEPART PAPEETE  
APRIL 12 SAILING SOUTHEAST TO 120 DEGREE MERIDIAN THENCE  
NORTH TO LATITUDE PAPEETE BEFORE TURNING WEST AND  
RETURNING FOR SECOND CALL APPROX MAY 8. VESSEL WOULD SAIL  
EAST MAY 12 TO 120 DEGREE AND RESUME LINE NORTH TO SAN  
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DIEGO ARRIVING JUNE 9. MODIFICATION WILL ENTAIL REQUEST

FOR ADDITIONAL FUEL A-LOTMENT AS FOLLOWS: ADDITIONAL  
13,000 GALLONS (FOR 83,000 TOTAL) DELIVERED FIRST CALL,

PLUS NEW REQUEST FOR 70,000 GALLONS DELIVERED SEC-  
OND CALL. ORIGINAL REQUEST FOR ONE CALL AND 70,000 GALS  
MADE PRIOR TO CRUISE MODIFICATION. BOTH SIO AND SPONSOR-  
ING AGENCY REGRET NECESSITY SECOND REQUEST TO GOF  
FOR ASSISTANCE WITH CALL AND BUNKERING, BUT CALLAO  
COSTS WOULD HAVE ADDED APPROX \$50,000 TO PROGRAM BUDGET  
ALREADY SOMEWHAT STRETCHED.

3. REQUEST POST MAKE LOW KEY APPROACH TO QUAI FOR  
ALLOCATION 83,000 GALS FOR APRIL CALL, AND 70,000 GALS  
FOR MAY CALL. AS ALTERNATIVE (SINCE LESS THAN 70,000  
NOT USEFUL OWING DISTANCE TO AND FROM WORK AREA) MELVILLE  
WOULD OMIT SECOND CALL AND WISH TO OBTAIN AS MUCH FUEL  
AS POSSIBLE (UP TO 100,000 GALS) AT APRIL STOP. THIS  
WOULD PERMIT VESSEL TO COMPLETE AT LEAST A PORTION  
OF CURRENTLY SCHEDULED WORK WHICH WOULD OTHERWISE BE  
MISSED. EARLY REPLY REQUESTED TO ENABLE SIO TO COMPLETE  
TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS FOR PERSONNEL JOINING SHIP TAHITI.  
EMBASSY MAY WISH TO GO TO LEANDRI (OF CNEXO) WITH SUB-  
STANCE PARA 2 AS TO REASONS REQUESTS FOR TWO SEPARATE  
CALLS NOT COUPLED. RUSH

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